What is claimed is:

1. A method of determining the formation of a secondary structure of a thixotropic formulation, said method comprising:

a) placing an amount of said thixotropic formulation on a transparent object;

b) capturing an image of said thixotropic formulation by back-scattered light by using a particle vision and measurement probe;

c) converting said image to a video image;

d) analyzing said video image to determine the amount of time it takes for the formation of said secondary structure within said thixotropic formulation.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the thixotropic formulation is a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation for intra-nasal admimistration.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises mometasone furoate.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises at least about 10 mg/g of at least one suspending agent.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein said suspending agent comprises microcrystalline cellulose and carboxymethylcellulose sodium NF.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation has a pH of about 3.5 to about 7.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said thixotropic formulation has a pH of about 4.5.

8. The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation further comprises a humectant.

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10. The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation does not contain alcohol.

11. The method of claim 3, wherein said secondary structure forms in about 25 to about 85 seconds.

12. The method of claim 3, wherein said secondary structure forms in at least about 25 seconds.

13. The method of claim 2, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises beclomethasone diproprionate.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein said thixotropic formulation contains less than about 2% of micronized cellulose and carbothymethylcellulose sodium.

15. The method of claim 2, wherein said thixotropic formulation triamcinolone acetonide.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein said thixotropic formulation contains less than about 2% of micronized cellulose and carbothymethylcellulose sodium.

17. The method of claim 2, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises budesonide.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein said thixotropic formulation contains less than about 2% of micronized cellulose and carbothymethylcellulose sodium.

19. The method of claim 2, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises fluticasone proprionate.

20. The method of claim 16, wherein said thixotropic formulation contains less than about 2% of micronized cellulose and carbothymethylcellulose sodium NF.